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SUBJECT: The Israeli Raid on the Iraqi Reactor and the UNSC

The following information may be useful in your meetings on the Hill during the coming week.

On June 19, the UNSC adopted by a vote of 15 to 0 a resolution condemning the Israeli raid. The U.S. was able to join the consensus because earlier proposals calling for sanctions against Israel had been dropped and the other parts of the resolution, including the placing of Israeli nuclear facilities under IAEA safeguards, are consistent with our own policy.

This process was made possible because of the calm, businesslike approach adopted by the Iraqis in their contacts with us -- in Baghdad, in Washington, and in New York -- about the raid and UNSC consideration.

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The UNSC vote has been an important element in our ability to preserve our national position and influence in the Middle East in the aftermath of the raid. The Arabs,

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will be partly mollified but will continue to watch closely the U.S. approach to see what constraints we will put on the Israeli use of U.S.-supplied military equipment. We still face an Arab world not only humiliated by the Israeli action but uncertain where the Israelis might strike next.

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June 9, 1981

The Honorable
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

The National Association of Arab Americans (NAAA) strongly supports the condemnation by the United States Government today of the unprecedented Israeli attack on the Iraqi nuclear research installation near Baghdad on June 7. The attack was an unparalleled act of national irresponsibility and illegality and a flagrant transgression of international law. The NAAA deplores the Israeli violation of Iraqi sovereignty and the illegal overflight of other Middle Eastern nations. The Israeli assault is particularly outrageous because Iraq is a signatory of the Nuclear Arms Non-Proliferation Treaty while Israel is not.

The NAAA considers the use of American aircraft in the attack to be an intolerable and unacceptable violation of the Arms Export Control Act and we urge that the U.S. Government immediately initiate the actions required to enforce compliance with that act. We call for an immediate halt in the shipment of all U.S. offensive weaponry to Israel and the imposition of a restriction on the use by Israel of all U.S. weaponry except for defensive purposes should Israel be attacked on its own soil. If Israel's lawlessness is not curbed immediately by a firm American foreign policy, relations between the United States and its allies in the Middle East will be seriously undermined. The Israeli attack on Iraq threatens to unleash a nuclear holocaust.

I urgently request a meeting with you at the earliest possible time to discuss the situation created by the Israeli attack on Iraq and the concerns of the NAAA in this regard.

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